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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION** Commissioner for Patents

Re:

Washington, D.C. 20231

Application of Akimasa OHTA and Hisaharu SAKAMOTO

UNMANNED RETAIL SHOP SYSTEM AND METHOD OF PURCHASING GOODS

Assignee: NEC CORPORATION

Our Ref. Q68182

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 29/1 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 2 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the executed Declaration and Powe of Attorney. The Assignment will be filed at a later date.

January 22, 2002

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$740.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

Country

Application No

Filing Date

Japan

2001-012069

January 19, 2001

The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted, SUGHRUE MION, PLLC

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Note: Monday, January 21, 2002 - Federal Holiday